

### RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Conversation With:	George McCorkel	Date:	3/10/05
Company/Agency:	Esmeralda County	Time:	Afternoon
Address:	Goldfield	T-DCC Number:	GOOSE-GEN-ADM T-382
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**SUBJECT: Land Use and Socioeconomics Baseline Information for Esmeralda County; Shared Use of Rail Alignment by Esmeralda**

### **SUMMARY**

Cooperative agreement was reviewed and approved, got it for planning, covers all three tasks. Task 1 involves interviews with stakeholders (like Fellinis) mining and ranching interests. Task 2 is the Wilbur Smith shared use study. Plan to put a new airport in Goldfield, need to move airstrip to maximize use of rail and situate rail spur. Task 3 looks at private land conflicts. Mentioned several mining companies and ranchers; also past conflicts when air force bombed certain areas that were cultural resources.

Socioeconomic baseline information:

Schools – at courthouse, one school, elementary through eighth grade.

Health facility – nonexistent. There is a proposal with the environmental management group to build a health facility. There is an extensive low level radioactive waste program. They get money for emergency management in connection with that program; built a new firehouse with some of the money. In their economic development strategy Esmeralda asked to do a preliminary impact analysis of the radioactive waste program. Now they use the Tonopah hospital. Hope in next 5-10 years, if the waste program continues, to put in a radiology/burn treatment facility. They submitted the proposal for DOE to fund.

Volunteer fire department 10-12 people, no training; could not respond to radiological incident.

Other key information:

Town water tower is situated on bluff west of town. They have adequate supply to sell a considerable surplus for rail construction.

Believes town would welcome rail maintenance facility and consequential employment.

A silica mining area south of town would likely benefit from a shared-use alternative; it is too costly to truck it away. The claim is owned by Judy Garber. A lithium producer in Silver Peak may also benefit from shared use.

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There is one highway concern regarding construction vehicles, an area called "the curve" in town which has had rollovers before.

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